



GRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

27th February 2013

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 7pm at Graig Community Hall Bassaleg.

(Item No 4 on the agenda)

Play Areas – An application to Veolia is being progressed. A comprehensive consultation of Graig residents has been undertaken and responses to the survey are very positive. The task and finish group are working towards gaining planning permission as part of the funding application.

Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace & Highfield Lane – Clerk working with NCC for formal adoption.

Former Garthfield Cottage Development – Clerk has reported that the verge and pavement between Caerphilly Close and Road has been left in a poor state which is being dealt with by NCC engineers. Clerk to monitor. Council has been told that NCC considers it has more pressing issues to attend to. As NCC will not be carrying out any work to this area for the foreseeable future, Clerk to monitor periodically. This item will be removed from future reports.

Fencing along woodland path on Caerphilly Road – Cllr Cornelious has confirmed that NCC have visited the site and agreed to repair the fencing. This has been completed and this item will be removed from future reports.

Trees needing attention in Caerphilly Road – the Clerk has reported to the Contact Centre that the trees in the same area as the vehicle speed indicator on both sides of Caerphilly Road need attention. The Contact Centre has given a resolution date of 24th October to investigate and assess. Clerk has requested another update.

Bankings on Caerphilly Road – Clerk has reported to the Contact Centre that the bankings from the Foss-y-fran junction to the Friendly Fox Pub need attention, in particular there are loose branches, stones and rubbish that needs removing. No response has been given to date. Cllr Caston says looks improved. Clerk has requested another update.

Bryn Hedydd and footpath from Bryn Hedydd to Caerphilly Close clean up – Clerk reported to the Contact Centre that Bryn Hedd and associated footpath onto Caerphilly Close is in need of a clean-up. No response received to date. Cllr Cornelious has reported that the footpath in question is un-adopted and is unlikely to be attended to. Clerk has requested another update.

Grit bin on Caerphilly Road – Clerk has requested via the Contact Centre that a new grit bin be provided on Caerphilly Road close to the Friendly Fox as the bin is broken and too small for current needs. Cllr Cornelious reported that a new bin will be provided as soon as practicable. Clerk has requested another update.

Double Yellow Lines on Channel View – Cllr Cornelious has requested that the double yellow lines be extended to prevent parking so close to the junction with Laurel Road. NCC has confirmed that a new traffic order will be needed. As there is no funding for such things at present nor for the foreseeable future, the traffic order will not be applied for until it can be added to similar issues for a blanket order to be made. The situation will be monitored. This will remain on the report until the issue is settled.

Street Light opposite Garth Terrace – The defective street light has been reported to the contact centre. Cllr Haigh to report when the light has been repaired.

Pot holes on Penylan Road – This has been reported to the contact centre and a response is awaited.

Footpath from Penylan Close to Fort View Park – overgrown hedges have been trimmed and the footpath cleaned up.

Drainage issues at Graig Hall – major reconfiguration of access to drainage pipe-work has taken place outside, as previous configuration did not allow space for manual inspection or removal of blockages. This work should improve rainwater drainage and prevent pooling close to the entrance of the Hall.

Fencing between Caerphilly Road and Open Space in Bassaleg – Councillors held a site meeting with an NCC planning officer to discuss making a planning application to replace the chain-link fencing with galvanised hoop fencing to improve the area. Future updates will be discussed under the PROJECTS section of the agenda.

Grit bin at bridge over A467 – During the recent snow it was noted that the footbridge over the A467 was very dangerous. Cllr Cornelious has requested of NCC that a grit bin be placed to service the bridge.

St Basil's Shops Parking Restriction – Clerk has requested that NCC consider placing a 2hr parking restriction on the parking bays in the area of the shops. This is resulting from complaints that elderly residents are often unable to park to use the shops as some cars parked in the area either belong to neighbouring residents or to people who leave their cars there all day as they car-share. Clerk is awaiting word from NCC whether or not they deem the problem sufficient to warrant a Traffic Order.

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